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1. The supply of medicines to pharmacies throughout Bulgaria is carried out by the Aptekno Upravlenie (Pharmaceutical Enterprise), subordinate to the Ministry of Public Health.
2. The headquarters of the directory and depot are located at No. 22 George Washington Street in Sofia. Distribution is normally made once a month on the basis of requests made to the directorate by individual pharmacies. The supply of medicines to hospitals and clinics, at least in the city of Sofia, is made through the pharmacy of the rayon in which the hospital or clinic is located. In general, there is at least one clinic in each of Sofia's nine rayons. Sofia has five hospitals, as follows:
 - a. Rabotnicheska Bolnitsa (Workers' Hospital);
 - b. Pŭrva Gradska Bolnitsa (First City Hospital);
 - c. Vtora Gradska Bolnitsa (Second City Hospital);
 - d. Treta Gradska Bolnitsa (Third City Hospital); and
 - e. Akademiya Vŭlko Chervenkov (Vŭlko Chervenkov University Hospital).
3. In general, there is no shortage of medicines. To purchase antibiotics, it is necessary to have a prescription from the director of the rayon clinic. Antibiotics are available in quantities sufficient to meet the requirements.¹
4. Almost all medicines sold in Bulgarian pharmacies are of Eastern Bloc origin. Only some specialties such as products are imported , and a limited supply of penicillin is received from Palestine. Up to a short time ago, was one of the principal suppliers of medicines, but this market has been cut off because of Bulgaria's slowness in paying.

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5. Bulgarian national production of medicines is very small. The Galenus Factory in Sofia is the largest of these factories, and it does not have sufficient equipment to prepare specialties. Its activity is limited to the preparation of syrups, aspirins, etc. and to the manufacture of phials for injection (using imported medicines); the phials themselves are imported from Hungary.

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